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SUBJECT: STABEX COMPENSATION TO SIERRA LEONE

SUMMARY: SIERRA LEONE IS SLATED TO RECEIVED STABEX SYSTEM
COMPENSATION OF APPROXIMATELY 3.9 MILLION UNITS OF ACCOUNT.
IRONICALLY, PROSPECTS ARE DIM FOR REPAYMENT OF THE COMPENSATION
OR RENEWED IRON ORE PRODUCTION. END SUMMARY.

1. DUE TO LOSS OF EXPORT REVENUES CAUSED BY LIQUIDATION OF
THE MARAMPA IRON ORE MINE IN LATE 1975, SIERRA LEONE STANDS TO
BECOME A MAJOR BENEFICIARY OF STABEX COMPENSATION. THE
COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE WAS QUESTIONED BY THE
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN FREETOWN WHETHER OR NOT STABEX
COMPENSATION WAS WARRANTED. THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE COMMISSION
INDICATES THAT FINAL AGREEMENT AND DISBURSAL OF FUNDS AWAIT
GOSL PROMISE TO USE FUNDS IN A PRODUCTIVE MANNER--SPECIFICALLY
TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF RESUMED IRON ORE MINING.

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2. THE SYSTEM FOR THE STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS,
(STABEX) WAS CREATED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LOME CONVENTION
SIGNED BY THE NINE EEC COUNTRIES AND FORTY-SIX COUNTRIES OF
AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND THE PACIFIC (ACP COUNTRIES). STABEX
IS DESIGNED TO TIDE A RECIPIENT COUNTRY OVER A PERIOD OF
REDUCED PRODUCTION OF MAJOR EXPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE SIERRA LEONE, STABEX TRANSFERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE REPAYED.

3. SIERRA LEONE'S GOOD FORTUNE IS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER ACP MEMBERS AS IT IS THE ONLY COUNTRY TO COMPLETELY CEASE PRODUCTION OF A STABEX COMMODITY--IRON ORE IS THE ONLY NON-AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY INCLUDED IN THE SYSTEM. MOREOVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GOSL WILL BE ABLE TO REPAY COMPENSATION. DESPITE SOME INTEREST IN REOPENING OLD MINES OR DEVELOPING NEW MINES NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECTS EXIST FOR RESUMED IRON ORE MINING.
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